



Dr. Mary L. Livers, Deputy Secretary

100 percent! We attained 100 percent on all 139 standards applicable to central office in our ACA Standards Audit conducted last week. Central office joins Field Services in attaining ACA Accreditation with very high marks. All three facilities will soon enter candidate status for accreditation, and when they achieve this milestone, OJJ will be a fully ACA accredited agency – something to really crow about.

A visiting committee of two auditors, **Gail Zeek** of New York and **Kyle Poppert** of Nebraska, were very impressed with the upbeat, enthusiastic attitude of the staff they met and interviewed. A number of staff were interviewed by the auditors, allowing them the opportunity to share the exciting things that are happening within OJJ and to educate the auditors on their particular area of expertise.

We look forward to the close of the legislative session at the end of this month, with the hope that SB 302, which allows creation of the Capital Area Center for Youth, will be enacted and signed into law. This significant legislation allows OJJ to create the first small, regional therapeutic facility.

Summer is definitely here. School is out for kids, and we are giving thought to where to go for vacation, even if that means staying at home and enjoying some leisure time. Actually, an at-home vacation can be very appealing. We move a little slower in the summer – at home anyway. It's a great time to sit on the porch or patio with a glass of your favorite cold drink and enjoy the beauty of the season. I hope each of you has a wonderful June.

OJJ is on the move. Our future looks bright. The exciting progress we make as an agency allows us to provide even better services to the kids in our care and help them to become productive citizens.

"Doc" Dr. Mary L. Livers

Soul Food

An inspirational column by OJJ staff



SCY Chaplain Ricky James

THE SECRET STORM

We are entering the storm season. There are many different types of storms. They range from a shower a category 5 Tornado. But storms can happen any time and any where, and we need to be prepared for the storm.

What is a storm? Well, Webster defines storm as "an atmospheric disturbance that is accompanied by wind and usually by rain, snow, hail, sleet, or thunder and lighting." He also says a storm is "a blow with violence; to attack by storm; show of violent emotion; rage; or to rush about violently."

But I want to tell you that a storm is anything that disrupts the natural continuity of your life. It is when things happen suddenly without warning. And everybody will experience a storm in their life, sooner or later. Your storm may not be the same as my storm, because all of us are different. The Creator made us that way. A storm could be defined as when you awake in the morning, and go outside to get in your vehicle and you have a flat tire. A storm could be, when the person you have the most confidence in, says something contrary to what he or she teaches, and it blows your mind spiritually. It could also be, when you are riding in your vehicle, and all of a sudden you have a blow-out on a brand new tire. That's a secret storm. And certainly, in this day and time, an example of a secret storm could be defined as your having a job one minute, and the next minute you're in the unemployment line...A secret storm.

What causes storms in our lives? Storms can be caused by sin in our lives. When we go contrary to the will and word of the Creator, it causes a storm in our lives.

What does a storm do when it strikes? When a storm strikes, it clears our pathway. It tears down things. It causes us to think or see things in a different light. When we are having a spiritual storm, it will clear our mind and cause us to think the way our Creator wants us to think. Scripture

says "Let this mind be in you which was also in the Son." In the church where I grew up, the elder folk would sing a song that says, "I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus." That's what it means to let His mind be in you which was also in the Son, to keep Him in our mind no matter what we are undertaking.

What, shall I do when a storm strikes? Well, when storms arrive in your life, the first thing to do is to not panic, but pray or call upon your Creator. When Job experienced calamities, or storms, in his life, he did not panic, but he fell down on his face to the ground and called on the name of the Creator. Job prayed, "He gave, and He taketh away, blessed be His name."

I want us to realize that all of us will experience storms in our lives, and we will have to evaluate what caused the storm and make adjustments, and then call on His name for help and guidance. The Creator may not come when you want Him to, but remember...He is always on time.

By Ricky L. James, Chaplain, SCY

THE DAILY MOTIVATOR

Conquer doubt

Are your doubts holding you back? The way to conquer your doubts is with action.

Wondering about whether you can do it will not get it done. The only way to know for sure is to jump right in and get started.

Avoiding the challenges will only make those challenges grow bigger. Instead, walk right up to each challenge, and the closer you get, the more ways you'll discover to get beyond it.

If you wait until conditions are perfect, all you'll ever do is wait. Great accomplishments are given birth by starting from where you are with what you have.

As soon as you start to take action, you'll begin to replace your doubts with courage and confidence. The more you do, the more insignificant and powerless those doubts will become.

Stop wondering and start doing. Once you've done it you'll always know, without the slightest doubt, that you can.

-- Ralph Marston

*Staff Spotlight***Janice Manuel, Social Worker 4,
Lake Charles Regional Office**

Social Worker 4 Janice Manuel has only been with Lake Charles OJJ since last September, but she brings 23 years of experience in private practice and with other organizations to the position. When her son started kindergarten, Janice decided to take the leap and follow her first love – working with children involved with the juvenile justice system. She joined OJJ and has loved every minute of it.

Regional Manager Ann Vick said, “Janice came to us right after Hurricane Ike while we were in our temporary location. She immediately found out what she needed to do to assist the staff as much as possible. The probation officers are very appreciative of the work she does with their clients and the evaluations she completes to make recommendations for treatment needs. Janice participates in Calcasieu Drug Court, Calcasieu Mental Health Court, ISC meetings and the suicide prevention coalition. Last month she presented victim awareness programs to junior high youth and staff in Jennings and DeRidder, youth and staff at Boys’ Village and Harbour House, staff at ETC, students and staff at SLMI.”

“Janice is a conscientious, caring employee who is making a difference in the lives of youth,” Ann continued. “The probation officers rely on her and appreciate her work within the office and with the youth. She is well respected by providers and the courts.”

“I feel a passion for working with kids in the juvenile justice system,” Janice said. “I have a true belief that restoring their hope is the way to help children who have lost all hope. By the time they get to us, they have been through everything. The children feel hopeless, the families feel hopeless. I truly believe that hope can be restored, and our children can become healthy, law-abiding

citizens, just like our Mission Statement says.”

Janice continued, “I truly believe God put me here because my philosophy of care is the same as the OJJ mission. I am impressed with OJJ and the autonomy I have to work with the children and families, in group settings, family therapy and individual therapy.”

“I am really enjoying the work, learning to coordinate services,” Janice said. “It’s fun in its own way. I enjoy working with the PPOs – I find strength in what they talk about. Where they often feel negatives, I look at a child’s accomplishments and can feel a positive in our kids – and the PPOs are starting to believe!”

“Being part of a team is important – if you work for OJJ, that’s what it’s all about,” Janice continued. I love the team approach, working with the judges, the PPOs and the families. I really enjoy the challenge of bringing services to the families, such as FFT and MST.”

“So many people in OJJ work so hard, I am very humble that Miss Ann chose to recognize me,” Janice said. “I just know that God is working through me, using me to help families and children. All this is through His grace, He is blessing this work.”

Janice and her husband Hugh Joseph have two children, 16 year old Ashley and 5 year old Hugh Joseph II (Little Joe). “They are wonderful kids,” Janice said. “They make me a better person.”

Janice and her family have a camp at Big Lake where they spend most weekends, fishing, crabbing and shrimping, and hunting in season. These are activities they can do together, as a family. Janice said she plays golf every chance she gets. Weekends are spent at church or in family activities at the camp.

We all strive to meet the Mission daily – Janice Manuel lives and breathes it.

Transitions

Coming and goings....

Welcome to new members of the OJJ family:

ALEXANDRIA

Mitchell Thiels, PPO1

CENTRAL OFFICE

Tanisha Bush, Clerical Assistant

Philip Mason, Accountant 3

SHREVEPORT

Kristi Martin, promoted to PP District Manager 2

Reallocations:

PPO2 Danielle August, Hammond

PPO2 Darla Hood, Baton Rouge

PPO2 Robert Jesset, Lafayette

PPO2 Christopher Mahler, Lafayette

Social Services Counselor 2 Shalita Kelly, Bridge City

Retired:

Mary Baughman, Instructor, Swanson

Ronald Jackson, Corr. Sgt. Master, Jetson

Alexandria Regional Office

Alexandria OJJ held a family get-together in May at Kincaid Lake, with a barbeque and other fun activities.

PPO Donna Desoto escorted the high school students who participate in the Teen Court program to the State Capitol. The students were able to observe the House of Representatives debate the house bill introduced to require the state to lease a building located next to the Superdome. Representatives Robert Johnson, Chris Roy and Chris Hazel met with the students and answered questions concerning the legislative process. We were also able to tour the Capitol and of course, we made it all the way to the top and took in the spectacular view. Sometimes, we have a tendency to take for

granted the simple things - some of the students had never had the opportunity to go to the State Capitol before. It was truly a heartwarming experience.

Congratulations to **PPOs Trinity Adams** and **Angelic McCray**, who successfully completed POST training at the Alexandria Police Academy. Trinity earned the "Top Gun" Award.

PPS John Baker attended team building training with the 9th JDC drug court team.

Congratulations and best wishes to **PPO2 Jency Moore** who was married on her birthday, May 9th, to Herbert Dixson, Jr. **PPO2 Rodney McNeal** of Alexandria OJJ served as the pastor who married Jency and Herbert. **PPS Monique Lacour**, Natchitoches OJJ, served as a bridesmaid.

PPO2 Rodney McNeal and **PPO1 Heath Wallace** attended the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge.

Thanks to **Clay Dupuy** for frying fish provided by **PPO2 Lori Johnson** for the staff recently. We were happy to have **RM Randall Hill** from Natchitoches OJJ join us. Welcome to **PPO1 Mitchell Thiels** who joined Alexandria OJJ in May.

We all want to thank **PPO3 Pam Oakes** for the chocolate candy she supplies for the office, which we thoroughly enjoy. Mrs. Oakes has been supplying candy for the staff for many years. It's the little things like this that makes a person "remembered".

Baton Rouge Regional Office

Congratulations to **PPO Marina Jenkins** who was promoted to PPO3.

Special thanks to the following PPOs who volunteered their services at the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice: **PPOs Patsy Adams, Katina Broden, Cobie Chauvin,**

Lolita Howard, Marina Jenkins, Elois Nelson, Keondra Riley, Naomi Rodney, April Ross-Calvey and Wendy Swarner. They provided security and information to bidders at the silent auction of artwork by Jetson youth.



PPO Elois Nelson keeps watch over JCY youth artwork at the Governor's Conference.

Bridge City Center for Youth

BCCY youth wrote poems and letters for Victim Awareness Month, to their families and victims, addressing how their choices affected others besides themselves. Below are some of their works.

The Main Victim That Hurts

By A. Lewis

To my victim, the one that I hurt...
 Not only did I hurt him, I hurt the worst...
 Having no reason for hurting...
 But people say, I hurt him,
 Just to be down with the earth,
 Not thinking about, how I'll hurt...
 Not thinking if these decisions will
 work...Until I found out, none of them work
 but it hurt...
 But some day somebody will teach you
 How to be a MAN, and not just a big flirt
 and they'll show you to make your decision
 WORK...
 And one day, if you keep thinking you'll
 know who you hurt the worst...
 And the person will be the one you always
 think come first...But before this ends,

Remember each and every verse about how you can make your decision WORK.

Life

By R. Brown

Life is not a toy, you can not play with it.
 Life is not an oreo, you can not eat it.
 Life to me is something GOD gave to you for
 a reason. Life is not a car you, cannot drive it.
 If you kill a person like you kill a deer, you
 are killing life. Life is something someone
 gives to a newborn baby. Life is everything
 that lives.

Central Office

Congratulations to ACA Manager Angela Arabie, the CQIS staff, including Administrative Program Director Lynne Geromini, Administrative Assistant Phyllis Martello, Program Coordinator Katie Kirkpatrick, Administrative Assistant Anne Carter, Policy Planner Diana Williamson, and Chief of Operations Ellyn Peterson, for attaining 100 percent on all applicable standards on the recent ACA Standards Audit. They worked tirelessly to prepare for the audit.

The **Morale Committee** celebrated the successful audit with an ice cream social. Committee members include **Katherine Abrams, Marvel Adams, Claret Blount, Anne Carter, Suzie Durrett, Nita Franklin-Shanklin, Nykisha Franklin, Shirley Jackson, Kimberly Jones, Katie Kirkpatrick, Phyllis Martello, Gail Miller, Glenda Ratcliff, Terri Scott, and Shaeki Shanklin.**

Hammond Regional Office

PPO2/J Matt Bauer and his wife Misty celebrated their 3rd wedding anniversary May 20th.

Welcome to **PPO1 Jennifer Sirchia** who joined the Hammond OJJ team in April.

Good luck to **PPO1 Renee Barrois** and **PPO1 Kristin Rainey** who began the Slidell Regional POST Academy in May.

Congratulations to **PPO2 Kasey Wall**, her husband Victor, and son Owen! The Wall family welcomed a new baby boy, Parker James Wall, into the world on May 20th. Parker weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19.5 inches long.

Hammond OJJ Superstar for the month of May is **PPO2 Matt Bauer**. Matt was recognized as a Superstar by **PPO2 Tiffany James** for going out of his way to pick up a youth's clothes.

Service Coordination training wrapped up in Hammond in May. The office plans to begin Service Coordination June 1.

Jetson Center for Youth

Jetson was a star attraction at the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice held in May at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge.

For the second year, a silent auction featuring artworks by secure care youth was a popular event. This year, Jetson sent approximately 40 pieces of artwork including drawings, watercolors and other media, collages and masks created in **Mr. Randell Henry's** extracurricular arts program. **OJJ Director of Treatment Annette Arthur** is the arts program monitor. The silent auction was facilitated by **Annette, Program Manager Carla Leyda** and **Communications Director Jerel Giarrusso**. They were assisted by Baton Rouge OJJ PPOs who secured the artworks at all times. The combined total for the sale of all pieces was \$721.00 – all of which has been deposited to the accounts of the youth who created the artwork. Bidding was brisk and eager bidders good-naturedly fought over some of the more popular pieces. Every piece went home with a conference participant.

Many thanks to **Ronnie Rossitto, Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's office**, for support

and encouragement, and to conference coordinators **Bernardine Adams**, director of the Family Justice Center in Monroe, **Dana Menard** and **Gregg Trusty** for inviting us.



The silent auction featured artwork by Jetson youth.

For the second year, the **Jetson Rising Stars Choir** entertained at the keynote luncheon banquet, and had the crowd on their feet clapping in time and swaying to the beat. The choir is led and directed by **Mst. Sgt. Frances Bailey** and **LSUHSC Social Worker Ben Groover**, who makes the keyboard sound as though a full orchestra is in the house.

Our choir and staff who accompanied them enjoyed the luncheon and were seated with the rest of the conference participants. Their manners were exemplary and we heard that some attendees were astonished to learn that the choir came from secure care, not a non-secure residential facility.

Conference organizers have requested the auction and choir performance both become permanent attractions at future conferences.



The Jetson Rising Stars Choir in action.

The FAST Track program held its first graduation ceremony for the year in May. Graduates Dylan B, David E and Nicholas M completed the 90-day program and will return to their communities. The ceremony was held in the close-knit Sunrise dormitory. **Director Daron Brown** opened the ceremony with words of encouragement for the graduates, and hope for the youth who will soon be graduates within the next few weeks. **Principal Ronnie Knox** also gave words of wisdom and advice about the graduates' future and their academic success. Remarks were also made by **Group Leader Melvin Carter, Counselor Chasity Richardson** and **Ms. Ruby Hertzock**. **Youth Marquis D** gave a prayer for the graduates and upcoming graduates. A reception held in the dormitory concluded the ceremonial event. **Melvin Carter** and **Chasity Richardson** would like to thank everyone for their support and participation, in helping to making the day one the young men will always remember.



Jetson flies the colors.

Lafayette/Opelousas Regional Office

Lafayette OJJ welcomes **new PPOs Justin Beasley, Nicole Buller, Samuel Moore, and Jason McRaney**, while Opelousas OJJ welcomes new **PPO Nicole Guidry**, all of whom began their OJJ journey in May. We welcome them to the OJJ family, and wish them much success in their pursuit of the mission.

At the same time, Lafayette OJJ bids farewell to Iberia Parish **PPO Robert "Bob" McGregor**. Bob's last day with OJJ was May

26, 2009, after 15 years of service with the state, the last ten with OJJ. Bob will be missed around the office, but we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Congratulations to St. Martin Parish **PPO2 Chase Cappel**, who was promoted to PPO3.

St. Martin Parish **PPO Chris Mahler** celebrated one year with OJJ and became a PPO/2 on May 15.

PPS Robert Guirard, supervisor of the St. Martin Parish Unit, was voted **Employee of the Month** for Lafayette OJJ. Robert has truly gone above and beyond the call of duty these past few months, providing a positive example for us. Robert's unit has been faced with numerous obstacles, including having an officer on maternity leave while another was in the academy, another officer leaving for the academy immediately after, followed by an officer leaving for a honeymoon...while having two new officers needing training. Through all of this, Robert stepped up by seeing clients, attending court, transporting youth, conducting administrative reviews, coordinating training for his two new officers, and completing the paperwork associated with these tasks. PPS Robert Guirard has truly shown us at Lafayette OJJ what it means to be a team player.

St. Mary Parish **PPO Kevin Broussard** attended the 29th Annual Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge in May. Kevin received certification for attending and completing the class for Fundamental Skills Training for Juvenile Probation Officers.

The Lafayette Campus of the VOA Day Program hosted a program for National Victims Rights Awareness Day on May 1 from 9:30 AM until 2:45 p.m. Guest speaker Sterling Colomb spoke about his life following the death of his daughter, and the foundation he started to assist children and victims of crimes. Christian Rapper LA Will entertained the crowd with original music that focused on making positive life changes. The kids

competed in team-building exercises, and lunched on hot dogs and chips, and snacked on popcorn, popsicles, and snowcones later in the day. In keeping with this year's theme, the Lafayette students wore red shirts, and the Opelousas students wore blue shirts.

A surprise party was held at Lafayette OJJ in May as a send-off to **PPO Mina Travis**, who was leaving for medical treatment in Houston. Staff brought treats to share at the party, but the highlight was the cake baked by St. Mary **PPO Karla Meranto**. We wish Mina a safe trip and a speedy recovery.

May is typically the month for high school graduations. As we all know, one of the disadvantages of working with juvenile offenders is seeing the wasted talent of youth who do not apply themselves in school, and wind up dropping out of high school with no substantial education. That's why receiving graduation invitations from clients, both current and former, warms the heart and eases the soul. Here are two success stories from Lafayette/Opelousas officers about clients reaching this milestone:

Youth Roiterra R., a former client of Lafayette **PPO Nick Landry**, graduated from Lafayette High School in May. Adjudicated delinquent in March 2004, Roiterra took advantage of the service coordinated by OJJ, and applied herself to her studies. What makes her graduation so special is that she graduated high school as a junior.

Youth Jarvice A., under the guidance of Evangeline Parish **PPO Jason Trahan**, graduated from Pine Prairie High School in May. Originally adjudicated delinquent in September 2008, Jarvice was a standout in the classroom, as well as on the football field. Following high school, Jarvice plans to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, joining other members of his family in service to his nation. May God bless him in his endeavors.

Lake Charles Regional Office

PPO Fred Fontenot and his wife, Tonya celebrated 15 years of marriage on May 19.

Social Worker Janice Manuel and her husband, Hugh celebrated 11 years of marriage in May.

In May Lake Charles OJJ staff members were invited to attend an End-of-the-School-Year barbecue hosted by the Calcasieu Parish Office of Juvenile Justice Services (local Juvenile Probation Agency). **PPO3 Fred Fontenot** attended the event. On the same day, Fred also went to Boys Village to participate in "Fun Day" with the Boys Village residents.

During Crime Victim's week, **Social Worker Janice Manuel** and **Probation Officers Rebecca Harmon** and **Alexis Heflin** presented information on Teen Crimes and Teen Victims at several local schools. They made quite an impression!

PPS Melissa Cross, **PPO Rebecca Harmon**, and **PPO Garrick Chambers** attended the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge in May. They networked with stat-wide OJJ co-workers and learned valuable information from the sessions.

PPO Karli Pullard, **PPO Delisa Clark** and **PPO Alexis Heflin** attended the Southwest Louisiana Marine Institute's softball game in May. The students of SLMi competed against AMI (Branch, LA) students.

Congratulations to **PPS Ken Vidrine** who enjoyed a nice, 7-day cruise in the Caribbean during the month of May.

PPO Rebecca Harmon was commended for her hard work, commitment, and dedication to our education and prevention efforts to reach youth and faculty regarding teen crime and victimization. She attended and was active in facilitating the presentation to approximately 350 7th and 8th graders and approximately 12 faculty members at

Jennings High School, Jefferson Davis Parish, in April.

In May, our office was represented and participated in the LA Children's Mental Health Summit in Baton Rouge.

We also attended and participated in the SPICY Strategic Planning Training for our region. This is a suicide prevention coalition.

PPO3 Karli Pullard and **RM Ann Vick** attended the graduation ceremony for Calcasieu Parish's Drug Court Program in May. Karli was fortunate to supervise Lake Charles OJJ's first Drug Court graduate, so she was present to celebrate his outstanding achievements.

Monroe Regional Office

RM Patty Newman, **PPS Karl Wallace** and **PPS Gail Wilson** attended CPTP training in Monroe in May.

Monroe OJJ officers were at the firing range in May for the annual POST requalifications. Everyone seems to like the recent changes to the POST firearms course.

In May, Monroe OJJ was treated to an ice cream sundae party from Eskimo's. **PPO3 Jennifer Perkins-Bible** won the party from a local radio station.

Congratulations to **PPO Cheryl Pringle** who graduated from ULM in May with a Masters in Criminal Justice.

Monroe OJJ was represented at the Annual Louisiana Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge in May by **PPO3 Gary Hunter**, **PPO2 Willie Hunter**, **Program Specialist Walteree Barnes** and **Education Specialist Debra Franklin**.

PPS Karl Wallace and his family enjoyed a vacation at Disney World in Orlando, Florida during the week of May 25.

Monroe OJJ welcomes our newest employees, **PPO1 Amanda Wilhite**, who joined our family in May and **PPO1 Crale' Phillips**, who joined our family June 1.

Congratulations to PPO3 Don Hamler. He is a new grandpa. Caleb Jordan Smith was born June 1, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Natchitoches Regional Office

PPO1 Jeremy Martin graduated from the POST Academy at the Alexandria Regional Police Academy.

PPO3 Sederick Smith and **PPS Simon Sarpy** attended the Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice in Baton Rouge.

All Natchitoches OJJ Field Staff re-qualified with their firearms at the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Department range.

PPO3 Ashley Ward participated in the Cane River Children's Services Staff vs. Residents Softball Tournament.

The following staff members participated in an audit at Cane River Children's Services: **Monique LaCour**, **Program Specialist** for Natchitoches & Alexandria Regions; **SSC4 Nelda Graham-Smith**, and **Shirley Jenkins**, **Education Specialist** for the Natchitoches and Shreveport regions.

New Orleans/Jefferson Regional Office

PPO 3 Vera Seals enjoyed "*A Night of Honor and Recognition.*" Vera was honored by the New Orleans City Council for her "dedication and commitment to provide assistance, educational resources and volunteer support to local schools and communities." Vera was also congratulated and commended by **Senator David R. Heitmeier, O.D.**, on behalf of the Louisiana Senate for "commitment and dedication in completing

the Parent Empowerment Workshop" and by **Representative Jeffery J. Arnold** on behalf of the Louisiana House of Representatives. Kudos to Vera for her contributions to youth!

PPO3 Stanley Schofield received a certificate of appreciation from the teaching staff at Rivarde Detention Center for his outstanding volunteer work. Stanley spoke to students at George Washington Carver Elementary School's promotional exercises, Murray Henderson Middle School, John McDonogh Senior High School Honors Society and West St. John's Elementary graduation on "Stop the Violence!"

Shreveport Regional Office

PPO 2 Daniel Barnard and **PPO 3 Charles Herrmann** and **Educational Specialist Shirley Jenkins** represented Shreveport OJJ at the annual Governor's Conference on Juvenile Justice. The attendees felt the conference offered valuable training and networking opportunities.

Shreveport OJJ and central office staff participated in a State Employee Blood Drive in May. **PPS Kim Scott** and **PPS Jan Crain** graciously gave blood while many other staff cheered them on and provided support.

PPO Todd Carlisle serves as Assistant Scout Master for a Boy Scout Troop, and he recently spent a recent weekend providing aquatic safety training them.

PPO 3 Terri Harber was named Shreveport OJJ **Employee of the Month** for May. Terri headed up a new, more in-depth training curriculum and has done a great job! She was presented with a certificate and several gifts.

Shreveport OJJ is anxiously awaiting the arrival of several bundles of joy! **PPO3 Natalie Pope** is expecting a baby boy in August, , **PPO 2 Kristen McKee** is expecting a baby girl in October and **PS Jan Crain's daughters, Jenny and Courtney**, are both expecting babies in October!

Swanson Center for Youth

Dusty Teer, Mimosa Dorm Leader, and two of her youth, prepare the wall in the Administration Building, for painting the Mission Statement.



Tallulah Regional Office

Welcome new WAE transport officer Huey George.

OJJ Tallulah was saddened to lose **Chuck Stephenson**, who passed away recently. Chuck was a Richland Parish Sheriff's Office DARE Officer. He was a valuable asset to this agency, always willing and able to assist anytime an officer called. He was a true friend and will be missed by all.

Thibodaux Regional Office

Tiara C. who is in OJJ non-secure custody passed four parts of the GED Test. Her probation officers are **PPO 3/Ashley Ward**, Natchitoches and **PPO 3 Allison Lirette**, Thibodaux.

PPO1 Myron Theriot and **PPO1 Tressa Gros** completed PPCT training in Hammond.

Congratulations to **PPO3 Tracy Theriot** who was chosen **Employee of the Month** for May.

Thibodaux OJJ underwent training for the SAVRY.

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The Inside Scoop...of OJJ

The Inside Scoop...of OJJ is published monthly to communicate with and about OJJ staff in offices and facilities throughout the state, about agency activities, happenings and items of interest.

The Inside Scoop...of OJJ is produced by the Central Office SPEAK staff with input from staff statewide.

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